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Dear Ed:

Thanks for your recent letter. Since I just
buck this week after nearly a month's absence, I
will be unable to answer all of your queries - since
I don't know so well what goes on here.

First off as regards myself. The few as I
know there isn't good reason to doubt the correctness
of the Hodgkin's diagnosis. Harry Bunting worked very
diligently over it, with his father, & others here in pathology.
The slides were also sent to Hartford & to Memorial
& both sent confirming diagnoses. After some
deal of trouble, therapy was agreed upon in the form
of surgery, i.e. a radical neck resection which Max Tupper
performed on the 15th. He did a careful & thorough job,
indeed took pains to it, & I am now pretty well
over the effects of that, with the exception that I now
have a very stiff neck. However, Max did a sufficiently
careful job that I was passed out of the hospital
the day before Xmas. So last week I sat before
fire, walked in the woods, & drank lots of booze.
Very fine week. This week I am back at school
& working a full day more or less. But we are
leaving to drive to Oak Ridge, & then on for a

week in Florida. We feel we will appreciate sun more now than later in the spring.

Regarding prognosis - as you may know about Hodgkin's, there is no prognosis. The only affected area they have found to date was one side of my neck, & Max says he was indeed able to dissect out the affected area in its entirety. Since the therapy, however, is empirical one can't say whether this will affect the course of the disease or not. Ergo, I am simply going over about my business as per usual. There is of necessity a certain amount of psychological readjustment that enters into things of this sort, but I think we have that front well in hand. I feel something of a heel nowadays though - as you may remember I have always seemed very hard at the race of M.D.s. However, in my recent travels I was in the hands of two very able & kind ones - Max Fajgel & Harry Bunting. Thus - that is how it currently stands in the house of the Barneses.

We are planning on moving to Oak Ridge Friday 1st. And to make life enjoyable there I went out this week & bought a new Mercury Station Wagon. My position at Oak Ridge will be somewhat different from Gile. I will be a group leader, but in the realm of Biochemical

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Genetics. Mrs Doremus & Dr Parry will be in my group, & I am taking two post doctoral men from here, Duke Lester & Charles Yanofsky. I am planning on getting two more post doctoral men, but haven't had a good chance to look around. I am looking for a good Neuraspisite geneticist & cytologist, and have thought to take one Cal. Tech man. However they seem reluctant to let these good men go. I don't want these poor men.

Any suggestions you might have would be appreciated. Stadler is also to our chief consultant, in fact has agreed to serve as such. In addition I am taking five graduate students who will finish their course work & thesis there, ~~in all~~ but will receive their degree from Yale. So all in all the group should be fairly good.

As you know I am releasing one the staff here as a lecturer, will give an occasional course, & will have at least a steady supply of grad. students.

What will happen here I am not sure. My departure will cause a major hole

in the Microbiology program, in the sense that ~~that~~
seems to get all the graduate students other
than the medical bacteriology students. However, Microbiol.
has never really prospered here, there being to many
points of view about how it should expand, & yet
no one in authority with the strength of character
or determination to see the fight through.

The whole thing is whether campaigned by Fergu-
son & suchless fight to establish his own biochem
department. In fact oddly enough it was this
latter fight that finally brought my decision
to leave. Biochem here is a mess long of
course does primarily his deanship, & whether
White or the Whethers have been replaced.

far has in effect pulled out into his own
department, with Topsy running the
microbiological biochemistry of the department
in O.B.L. Thus only Fury & Hobemann are really
in physiological chem. My own private opinion
is that things are something of a mess here,
with everyone trying to set himself up as a
king, but trying often more political
jockeying rather than scientific work.
Since I am politically a poor man
this is a poor place for me.

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As regards Paul's thesis, I don't think anyone is directly attacking the work. All the readers with the exception of myself have read it. I was just getting into it when I had my first neck surgery. I told Paul to go ahead, I was agreeable to pass, but I haven't yet heard whether the meeting was held. I do know that there was a certain amount of sentiment favoring his rewriting certain parts, Custer & Topsy I think felt this. Polly, Pete, Paul, & myself were all agreeable to passing it. I will ask Paul tomorrow what goes on, & to please finish it off.

Well more later - regards to all

as ever

Dove